

FORMER POLYCOM CEO DONATES TO TEEN ESTEEM, ENCOURAGES DONORS TO SUPPORT OTHER LOCAL CHARITIES

Andy Miller's 'Seven for Seven' personal giving campaign urges donors to support under-recognized Bay Area non-profit organizations

DANVILLE, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES, July 10, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Veteran technology-industry CEO Andy M. Miller continued his campaign to increase support for the region's under-recognized charitable organizations today by donating to Teen Esteem, a Danville, Calif.-based youth education program that empowers young people to make well-informed life choices based on respect for themselves and others.

Miller is contributing an initial amount to seven local nonprofit groups in seven days. He started his "Seven for Seven" personal giving initiative on May 16 with a donation to the Javistrong54 Foundation, which is raising money for Jake Javier, a former high school football player with spinal cord injuries.

Since then, Miller also has contributed to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to provide a college scholarship to the winner of a high school fundraising campaign for blood cancer research, the Moment by Moment Foundation, an Alamo non-profit group that recruits professional photographers to create free portraits of families whose children are battling life-limiting illnesses, The Hidden Genius Project, an Oakland organization that teaches underserved young black males the programming skills needed to become 21st century entrepreneurs and technologists and others.

Teen Esteem speakers talk to thousands of Bay Area kids, parents, educators and community members each year during classroom presentations, school assemblies and parent education events. The organization encourages young people to make courageous, healthy choices when dealing with challenges such as academic stress, relationships, bullying, smoking, alcohol and drugs.

"Whether it's alcohol or anorexia, drugs or depression, today's teens have far too many opportunities these days to make mistakes that can have potentially life-changing consequences, " says Miller, who has served as CEO of Polycom and Tandberg, and in other senior positions for companies including Cisco, IPC Systems and Monster Worldwide. "Teen Esteem has been providing invaluable straight talk and encouragement to local teens since 1994, and its message of mutual respect and making healthy choices is more relevant today than ever."

We are hoping that support like Mr. Miller's encourages others outside our local community to discover and contribute more of the region's deserving non-profit organizations," says Kimberley Liss, philanthropy consultant and previous Teen Esteem auction chair. To learn more about, or contribute to, Teen Esteem, please visit: teenesteem.org.

Andy Miller has more than two decades of executive experience in industry leading companies including Polycom, IPC, Tandberg and Cisco. As a senior operating executive, he excelled in focusing on strategic growth areas, leading global expansion, and driving improved profitability. As a director,

he collaborated on successful enterprise communications IPOs including Gigamon (GIMO).

In addition to guest lecturing at UCLA, USC and Stanford, Andy has spoken at the <u>World Economic</u> <u>Forum Davos</u> and has given keynote addresses at the <u>Microsoft</u> Worldwide Mobile Congress and the Aspen Ideas Festival.

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